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UTILISATION OF DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of drought relief funds utilized by the State Governments during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether any complaint regarding misuse of said funds by the State Governments has been received;

(c) if so, the details thereof during the said period and the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government has formulated a drought manual for the States which are facing persistent droughts;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the extent to which drought affected States has been benefited thereby?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for overseeing the operation of relief schemes i.e. Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), for providing assistance in the wake of natural calamities including drought. The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) to (f): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned to take necessary measures in the wake of drought. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States with financial and logistic support. Most of the State Governments have Relief Code or Scarcity Manual for specifically dealing with droughts.